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Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of St. 1979 c. 393 §2 and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, a public hearing will be held on July 13 from 10:00AM - 12:00PM on the 21st floor, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108.

651 CMR §15.00, The Prescription Advantage Program

EOEA is mandated under M.G.L. c. 19A, § 39 to administer a subsidized catastrophic prescription drug insurance program designed to provide eligible persons with prescription drug coverage. The program was initially established in 2001 and was redesigned after Medicare Part D was made available in 2006. The current regulations establish the role of the state's prescription drug plan as it relates to Medicare Part D plans and defines covered benefits; establishes program eligibility; provides rules for enrollment; formulary details; coordination of benefits; mail service; termination and review. 651 CMR 15.00 has not been updated since the modifications required by Medicare Part D in 2006.

Recommended modifications eliminate obsolete material, enhance operational efficiency and improve the overall effectiveness of program management.

These regulations primarily affect Applicants and Members of the Prescription Advantage Plan; the regulations have a secondary impact on retail and mail order pharmacies but only to the extent that Applicants and Members are affected and have access to the benefit for purchases.

Written testimony and public comment from interested parties may also be submitted. All written submissions must include the sender's full name and address and may be mailed to:

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Attention: Siobhan Coyle

Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to Siobhan.coyle@state.ma.us. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached MSWord document or .pdf file with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Attention: Siobhan Coyle, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston MA 02108. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on July 15th. A copy of the regulation is attached.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow 72 hours advance notice. Last

minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. Please send an e-mail to siobhan.coyle@massmail.state.ma.us or call 617-222-7562.